

cents, and knowing how near the truth was Hans Andersen's description of a young swan as "an ugly duck."

Two of our six swans in the Public Garden—I must tell you that are six white and two black, and that civil, political and social rights are freely conceded by each to the other—undergo to raise a brood. The Superintendent of the Garden assisted them to the extent of building a bower over their nest, and provided them with materials sufficient for its rest, and also to provide a foundation for it should the damp ground. The young housekeepers, however, neither perchched, plucked eggs, made a nest of it, nor, after depositing four large brown eggs, brooded over them sufficiently for four weeks. The mule was not only willing to take his companion's place when she went out for breakfast and a bath, but he sat close to her all day long, seemingly more interested in the goings on than his mate.

When one day he overcame the four weeks and passed, they seemed to become sentimental or suspicious.

They took a account of the contents of the nest. The number of eggs was right, but the quality of one was somewhat faulty. He laid it, and found their worst apprehension realized. After carefully removing every fragment of the unfortunate egg, they applied themselves to the task of fitting for two weeks more; at last and to the water again. I wish them better luck, and more intelligent help, next time.

You have heard, perhaps, of the fracas in the School

Stated Universalist Church here. It is to me a loss

that Rev. Dr. Miner, with intent to drive away his more

liberal colleague, Rev. Rowland Connor. One of his

charges against Connor was that he exchanged

with Rev. Edward C. Towne of Medford, as if this were

an offence against Universalism, or an injustice to the congregation.

I have not seen the language used by

Mr. Miner, but he seems to have made various unjust

impressions in regard to Mr. Towne, for the latter, a

highly-gifted man, is a son of the church, and the

Rev. Dr. Miner is the senior pastor,

and the public will hear some important truth from

Mr. Towne.

LETTER FROM NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, July 1st, 1867.

To the Elder of the Standard:

YESTERDAY was a solemn day for all thoughtful, truly loyal people in this city, being the first anniversary of the horrible massacre, which was a riot, and sanctioned by the Chief Magistrate of this nation.

It was a day of deep anguish, of intense grief, of

whatever remorse to the heads and hearts who planned

and the hands which executed that vile butchery, I

know not. But hundreds of homes still draped in

mourning, and thousands assembled yesterday in the

Micmac's Institute, to testify their grief and indignation that the perpetrators of so horrible a crime are still unpunished. But when the father of treason

escapes by the hand of mischievous philanthropy, and the parent of murderers occupies the highest seat in the

nation, who can wonder that the victims of last July

are miserably forgotten, except by those

"Who weep because they weep in vain."

Many of the murdered ones being followers of the

Roman Catholic faith, a solemn and imposing mass

was performed in the Hall of the Institute by Father

Massie. The Hall was draped in mourning, and the

solemn the rostrum hung in black, on which was this

inscription in silver letters:

"In memory of the victims of July 30th, 1866."

The altar was also draped in black, and the cata-

lypseus, and the deep tones of the mournful notes

of the organ. The low chanting of the "Missa

de la morte" of Palestrina, the surging, bending forms of the audience—who were all mourners—the flicker of the waxen tapers, the occasional sob

which burst from some overburdened heart, the last

notes of "Impie paces et Amoris," were all suitable

and impressive, of whatever religious faith the observer

might have.

Following the mass was an oration by Hon. Rufus

Waples, who reviewed in an eloquent and elaborate

address the immediate cause of the murder, the history

of the convention, the "reign of terror," in which

the very walls might betray them, the perfidy of Johnson,

the personal record of the most prominent among

the martyred ones, closing by a strong appeal to the

people in behalf of impeachment, since he who failed

to hold the power is all unworthy. Mr.

Waples was listened to with marked attention, and at

the close was applauded. The original poem, in Memoran,

composed for the day and occasion, was very

appropriately rendered by the author.

The closing service were by the Rev. Dr. J. S.

Dr. Newell. Thus ended the first anniversary

of that great crime, but its memory is an

imperishable one of the heroes that were slain

in the cause of freedom, and who, with all our

neighborhood linked with himself, organized an

independent religious society, recognizing the almost

freedom of opinion, and in fellowship with the "Pro

gressive Friends." This little society is now, as it

has been, faithful to the idea of religious freedom, and

in active in promoting personal goodness and practical

righteousness.

He was an Abolitionist, and his fidelity as such was

recognized by his repeated appointment as a member

of the Executive Committee of the Western Anti

Slavery Society. The most modest and thorough

of the men of that society was the Rev. Dr. Johnson,

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For us, we spare our tears. We now send strong

hearts and ready minds to the work of Reconstruction

in the South and peace the the world over.

Our semi-loyal demagogues. The Republican Executive

Committee, having settled their "slight misunderstanding"

are applying themselves to the work with a good

will, and the surrounding parishes show already the

good fruits of the seed which has been scattered by

the truly Radical speakers, clubs organized, leagues

formed, and general enthusiasm prevailing. When

the date of delegates to the State Convention takes

place, there can be no doubt as to the result, and

we are ever so fortunate as to again have an election

for State Legislature and Municipal offices, the

whole nation will proceed to the work with a good

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